

## D/FW Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** November 8, 2009  
**Start Time:** 4:02 P.M.  
**End Time:** 4:57 P.M.  
**Board members present:** S. Healer, M. Hunter, J. Willingham, N. Myers, A. Bahr, D. Johnson, A. Buckner, D. Kleppe, J. Havercroft  
**Observers:** Emily Bahr  
**Mtg. Type:** Board Meeting  
**Location:** Dr. Pepper StarCenter, Farmers Branch  
**Prepared by:** Shana Healer

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*The following is a summary of the topics of discussion, decisions, and action items from the meeting. It is not meant to be a transcript of what was said and by whom. Please notify the author immediately upon finding any discrepancies.*

1. Judy called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.
2. The next board meeting will be held December 13 at the Farmers Branch StarCenter.
3. The previous board meeting minutes from 10/4/09 were reviewed. The engraved handles were sent without bolts, and we don't know where the bolts from the original handles are. Nick will have to order the bolts from Canada Curling Stone because he's not able to find the correct size at local hardware stores. The general membership meeting minutes from 10/18/09 were also reviewed, and both sets of minutes were approved.
4. **Team Bahr**— His daughter, Emily, has committed to the season. Cec Drager has also committed to being a permanent sub. Gary Silverman has agreed to come every second week.
5. **Media Outreach**—We received an email from a broadcast journalist in Lubbock who has a segment called, "Beat Pete." Pete was already going to be here for another engagement after Thanksgiving and Christmas with a camera crew. We could have ice donated for 3 hours on the Sunday after Christmas. Dan will write back and suggest dates that he can come, including dates when we are already curling and have a sheet of open ice. Since the Olympics are sponsored by NBC, that might be the only media outlet that comes out to cover anything with the club, and maybe we can also get out Brian Curtis from the local NBC station. We can also host an Open House during this time. Judy will secure the ice for the 27<sup>th</sup> in case he can't come on a Sunday when we are already curling. The USCA may be able to send out someone for an instructor session on the 27<sup>th</sup>, too.
6. **Open Sheet of Ice on 12/6, 2/21, and 2/28**—If there is Houston or Austin competition for the PIC, we could use it for playdowns. We could also split it up into two hour-long blocks and rent it out if people want practice ice time. We could have a pick-up game. We will decide by Thanksgiving what the best use of it is. The dates in February may have a different focus.
7. **Ice Prep Plan Follow Up**—Ice had consistent ice. Last week, we were able to run the broom and the rock box. There are a lot more people involved, and having the Sheet A people in charge are helping move things along.
8. **Financial Report**—Andrew still does not have access to the website. He's been making deposits. Andy is the master controller for the on-line banking. Judy will try to gain access to that. Andrew has a list of who has paid and who still owes money.

9. **Olympic Open House Plan/Committee/Materials**—Jonathan has come up with a plan for running the Olympic Open Houses. The article in the Curling News said that Olympic Open Houses don't necessarily generate a lot of members, but can be a great fundraiser and method for gaining contact information.

We need to let the StarCenter know what to expect and have stations set up upstairs. People will come in, pay \$10, and sign a waiver. We will have 4 stations. One is on the ice and can handle 40-50 people at a time (throwing 1 or 2 rocks either.) One station will focus on what curling is and how to play. One station will be how to join the club. And, one area will be a social and Q&A session.

The USCA has videos we can purchase. Judy believes we own "Sweeping the Nature," but we're not sure where this is. The StarCenter owns a copy of a curling video we can show. We have clipboards to use. We should get a couple of boxes of shoe covers that we can duct-tape up for make-shift sliders.

The Curling News also suggested following up the Open Houses with 4-week instructional clinics. We could charge \$100 per person and do that on Tuesday nights with a separate weeknight league on Wednesday.

Judy is going to make signage this week to get people to sign up for committees. She will also put out feelers to existing members for week night curling.

10. **USCA Instructor Clinic**—Nick has called and left messages for the USCA. He will follow up with them tomorrow to see if it's possible to schedule a clinic. There are generally 15-20 people in a class per one instructor. It could be fairly cheap for us to pay for an instructor to come here and facilitate a clinic for the club. Nick will also ask if he's allowed to teach a clinic himself since he's a Level II instructor, himself, although clinic participants might not be able to get USCA certified if Nick taught it. The board feels like the priority is uniformity and cohesion in teaching over certification (although certification may be a possibility.) We have earmarked the ice for December 27, and Judy will invite the other Texas clubs to join us.

11. **Broom Auction**—Mike now has the brooms. The retail for \$105 each. The board decided that we will sell the brooms for \$75 instead of auctioning them.

12. **Additional Items**—To promote socialization and accommodate people who can't stack brooms after curling, we will suggest meeting prior to curling at 3:30 at The Wild Turkey, located at Walnut Hill, east of I-35.

13. **Adjourn Meeting**—The meeting was adjourned at 4:57.

Accepted and approved by the undersigned on the date set forth below:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009